III. REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 1-21, 23-39, 82-90, 106 and 107 are allowed.

With regard to claim 107, Applicants submit that allowance of this claim was likely in error since this claim was previously withdrawn as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

In response to the Examiner's objections to the Specification, Applicants have amended the Specification to define the acronyms on page 4, lines 15-16. Such amendment does not add new matter to the Specification.

In response to the Examiner's objection to claims 7 and 8, Applicants have amended these claims to be dependent on claim 5 rather than claim 6.

IV. CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

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